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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS HEARINGS

REF: STATE 196058

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE AS WELL AS FOR YOUR EFFORTS AND SUPPORT. WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SENDING UP MUCH INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH SHOULD BE OF INTEREST IN GETTING AT THE FACTS. I ESPECIALLY CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO MONTEVIDEO 2941 COVERING IN DETAIL MY CONVERSATION WITH GENERALS VADORA AND QUEIROLO.

2. AT THE MOMENT, SINCE THERE IS NO CHIEF EXECUTIVE WORTHY OF THE NAME, I DO NOT KNOW WHERE ELSE TO GO ON THIS SUBJECT. I HAVE TALKED REPEATEDLY TO BLANCO AND NOW, IN FAR GREATER DETAIL THAN IN PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH THEM, HAVE LAID IT ALL ON THE TABLE WITH PEOPLE BEST IN THE POSITION TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SUBJECT. ON THE HOPEFUL SIDE IS THE FACT THAT THEY SEEM GENERALLY INTERESTED IN THE PROBLEM THEY FACE AND SHOWED NO RESENTMENT OVER THE VIGOR OF MY PRESENTATION. THEY ALSO SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE THE SUBJECT WITH ME. WHILE I THINK I SHOULD LET IT SIMMER, AT LEAST FOR A WHILE, I WONDER IF EITHER OF YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT ROUND.

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3. WOULD IT BE WORTH FOLLOWING UP THE IDEA OF PRESSING FOR THE

DEPORTATION RELEASE OF SOME OF THE PRISONERS? WOULD THE
DEPARTMENT ASSIST IN URGING OTHER COUNTRIES TO TAKE SOME OF THESE
PEOPLE? PERHAPS THINGS HAVE CHANGED BUT ABOUT FIVE YEARS
AGO WHEN PRESIDENT BANZER UNDER GREAT PRESSURE ON THE TREATMENT
OF PRISONERS A FEW MONTHS AFTER THE REVOLUTION WHICH BROUGHT
HIM IN, ASKED ME TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO HELP ARRANGE FOR
OTHER COUNTRIES TO TAKE SOME
OF THE PRISONERS HE HAD BUT WOULD NOT LET GO, AND ESPECIALLY IN
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, THE DEPARTMENT DECLINED TO BECOME INVOLVED.
ON THE OTHER HAND, EXPLORING SUCH AN EFFORT THROUGH SOME
APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY MIGHT BE OF VALUE AND IT ALSO,
IT SEEMS TO ME, MIGHT BECOME A CONSTRUCTIVE RATHER THAN
PURELY ACCUSATIVE AVENUE FOR THE RELEASE OF AI'S ENERGIES.
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